



MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description of proposal: The proposed timber sale Fiberboard flats; application #30-084467 and the attached Forest Practice Application #~~260~~9978 is located in the Olympic Experimental State Forest (OESF). Fiberboard Flats is a 4 unit variable retention harvest of second growth conifer timber encompassing approximately 90 acres with an approximate sale volume of 2,651 mbf. Of the total acres assessed for potential harvest, approximately 89 acres will be regeneration harvested while approximately 1.5 acres have been left in riparian areas.

Description of mitigation: The following Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) procedures apply:

Northern Spotted Owl: This proposal is not structural owl habitat; however this proposal is over 50 years of age and will be subject to the acreage limits. PR-14-004-120

Marbled Murrelet: The sale area was determined to be non- murrelet habitat by the OESF interim marbled murrelet strategy.

Slope Stability: As per the Sol Duc Watershed Analysis harvest on soils found within portions of the sale area require a site visit and documentation from a geologist. Casey Hanell has visited this site and found no areas of concern within the proposal. He has documented his findings and they are included with the Forest Practice application.

Riparian and/or Wetland Management Zones (RMZ/WMZ): This proposal has one Type 4 stream and one Type 5 stream associated with it. The Type 4 stream has been protected with an estimated 10-30 foot interior core buffer and a 50 foot wind buffer. No harvest will take place within the wind buffer. The Type 5 stream has been protected with a varying width retention buffer.

Retention Trees: Retaining a minimum of eight trees per acre in the proposal area provides legacy elements for recruitment of future snags, coarse woody debris, multi-layered stands and large diameter trees. Unit 1 has 248 individually marked retention trees, Units 2 and 3 have 136 individually marked retention trees each and Unit 4 has 192 individually marked retention trees.

Roads: There will be approximately 1,452 feet of new road construction, 158 feet of reconstruction and 10,269 feet of pre-haul maintenance planned for this proposal. All road work associated with the sale is optional construction.

Proponent: Department of Natural Resources – Olympic Region

Location of proposal, including street address, if any:

This proposal is located approximately 25 road miles Northeast of Forks, Washington along Hwy 101 in Sec.'s 21, 22, 23 and 30 Twp. 30 N, Rge. 10 W.

Lead agency: Department of Natural Resources

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

☐ There is no comment period for this Mitigated DNS.

☒ This MDNS is issued under 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from June 10, 2009. Comments must be submitted by July 24, 2009.

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There is no agency SEPA appeal.
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